

**Utah Department of Transportation
Utah Transportation Commission
Staff Update Meeting
March 19, 2015**

The Utah Transportation Commission convened in a Staff Update Meeting with UDOT staff on March 19, 2015, in the UDOT Cedar District Offices, 1470 North Airport Road, Cedar City, Utah, at 3:53 p.m. In attendance were:

Commission Members: Jeff Holt, Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Naghi Zeenati, Gayle McKeachnie.

UDOT Staff and others: Carlos Braceras, Shane Marshall, Randy Park, Jason Davis, Cory Pope, Bill Lawrence, Linda Hull, Becky Bradshaw, John Gleason, Bryan Adams, Rick Torgerson, Kevin Kitchen, Jim McConnell, Robert Dowell, Kirk Thornock, Tyrell Wood, Cameron Gay, Arlene Kocher, LeAnn Abegglen, Kathlene McKeachnie, Michael Smith.

Welcome and Review Agenda

Carlos Braceras started the meeting and welcomed the group.

Cedar City Funding Exchange Request

Rick Torgerson said that Cedar City has received \$1 million of JHC funding and would like to use the funding exchange program for a project on Coal Creek Road. The funds are available in October, but there are a couple of issues that have to be dealt with. The region is working with Cedar City to find a way to make the exchange happen, if possible. There was additional discussion regarding small urban funds.

SR-56 Detour Damage and Emergency Relief Funding

Rick Torgerson discussed SR-56 and the detour that was used due to the flood that happened in Nevada. UDOT made an emergency relief request through FHWA because of the large amount of traffic that used the detour causing deterioration of the roadway. The region did do \$150,000 of lane leveling and patching before the winter season to get the worst areas taken care of. They received \$200,000 of emergency relief funding from FHWA and will go out and fix more roadway sections. They may get more funds in the future. Another factor to consider is Arizona's bridge work in the Gorge and wide, heavy loads would have to use SR-56 as an alternate route, possibly for five or more years.

Legislative Session Review and Fiscal Report

Becky Bradshaw presented a budget overview with detailed information of UDOT's funding sources and resource allocations as a result of the recent legislative session. Included was information on FY 2016 estimated revenue for the Transportation Investment Fund (45%), the Transportation Fund (32%), Federal Funds (22%), and Aeronautics (1%), and the breakdown of estimated revenue and expenditures for each. Carlos Braceras discussed the potential issues they are facing with federal funding, depending on when Congress extends federal funding beyond May 31st.

Linda Hull distributed a handout and reviewed the several bills from the recent legislative session. She discussed HB 79 – Safety Belt Law Amendments; HB 80 – Transportation Project Amendments; HB 362 – Transportation Infrastructure Funding; HB 420 – Revisions to Transportation Funding; HB 322 – Local Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund Amendments; HB 188 – Transportation Corridor Preservation Amendments; and SB 150 – Driving Under the Influence Sentencing Revisions.

Effect of Oil Prices on Project Bids

Randy Park distributed a handout and talked about the effect of changing oil prices on project bids. He said that they don't usually see are the kind of fluxuation they have seen recently. The last time they saw \$100 barrel oil was in July, today it's at \$43.65. When the graph was put together on the 17th the average price per barrel was \$48.11. Mr. Park explained the graph in detail and the impacts that result due to different oil prices, and whether there is a cost savings to UDOT or cost paid to a contractor.

Asset Management/Pavement Programs Update

Cory Pope talked about some recommendations they would like to make at next month's Commission meeting in regards to pavement and other types of projects. He provided a history of the development of UDOT's pavement programs, noted the progress that has been made in pavement condition due to those programs, and explained what they would like to propose in the future using the asset management system to figure out what each region would need to maintain a certain target level for their pavements, in terms of surface areas. This would bring some flexibility, responsibility, and accountability to the region level, and would include them setting up a program of projects for preservation, rehabilitation, and roadway efficiencies.

April STIP Workshop Preview

Cory Pope gave a quick preview of the upcoming STIP workshop, where recommendations will be presented the Commission. He reminded the Commission of the reports that were made the last few months in the Commission meetings, and said the workshop binders would have all the information from those reports and other workshop presentations. Following approvals at the Commission meeting the next day, the STIP will then be sent out for public comment.

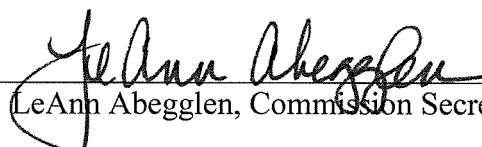
Region Two Jurisdictional Transfers

Bryan Adams distributed two maps and discussed two potential jurisdictional transfers in Region Two. The first potential transfer involved 90th South in West Jordan, from Redwood Road to Mountain View Corridor, which would become a state route, in exchange for giving up a portion of SR-48 (New Bingham Highway). The second potential transfer was in Bluffdale City and involved Porter Rockwell Boulevard and SR-140 (14600 South). Mr. Adams noted that the two cities would likely be attending the April Commission meeting regarding these proposed transfers.

Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.


LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Secretary